

Lynch Wins Bantamweight Title From Pete Herman

CHALLENGER BEATS CHAMPION DECISIVELY AFTER FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF HARD FIGHTING

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Joe Lynch, the little boxer from the west side of Manhattan island, who jumped into prominence about three years ago as a likely boxer, won the bantamweight championship of the world from Pete Herman of New Orleans in a 15-round battle at Madison Square Garden to night. The men weighed in under 118 pounds, which was called for in the articles of agreement at 2 o'clock this afternoon, but the official weights announced by the state boxing commission when the men entered the ring tonight were 116 pounds for each. Lynch looked the much more drawn of the two men when the bout began, while Herman was in the better condition so far as looks went. Herman was an odds favorite in what betting was indulged in, 3 to 2 being freely offered that he would retain his championship. Both boys were nervous at the outset. Lynch's advantages of height and reach soon were apparent and excessive cautiousness on the part of Herman cost him any chance, he might have had to hold his title.

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was all. Herman's defense at times was puzzling to the challenger, but whenever he landed one of his long lefts or right hooks or swings, a grin of satisfaction spread over Lynch's countenance, while Herman's face denoted that he was afraid of his opponent's wallop.

In the rounds where he had the better of Lynch, Herman took chances. When he did attack he was very successful, but these efforts were only spasmodic, while Lynch was the aggressor in all the rest of the rounds.

Lynch clearly outpointed his man in ten rounds. Herman had four and the opening session was just about even.

Lynch suffered from a cut lip early in the mill, but it was not until after the fight was over that it became known to those in his corner that the new champion had badly injured the thumb of his right hand during the third round. Lynch was elated as he was carried on the shoulders of his manager and handlers around the ring, while Herman went out through the ropes without making any audible comment.

Will Sail for England.

Herman and his manager sail on the Imperator for England at noon tomorrow. The ex-champion is matched to meet Jimmy Wilde, the little paperweight boxer and English champion, in a 20-round bout in London on January 14. So far as could be learned tonight, Herman's defeat will not alter his plans in any way and he intends to sail and fulfill his English engagement.

While the Dempsey-Brennan bout brought an enormous crowd to the garden last week, the interest evinced by the fans in the bantamweight championship fight tonight gathered the biggest crowd the structure ever held. The house was sold out early this afternoon and even the reporters were unable to meet the demands of the late comers. Both Herman and Lynch weighed in under the stipulated 118 pounds at 30 p. m. Neither showed any ill effects from strenuous training and each expressed confidence as to the outcome of the battle. Although Lynch had the advantage in height and reach, Herman was a 7 to 5 favorite in the betting.

In addition to the main event, there were two ten-round bouts and one of three rounds.



JOE LYNCH

Professor William Muldoon and State Senator Marty McCue were the judges selected by the state boxing commission.

The curtain raiser was a fast six-round go between George Thompson of San Diego, Cal., and Willie Spencer of this city. Each had weighed 118 3-4 pounds. The judges disagreed and referee Louis White decided on Thompson as the winner.

Roy Moore of St. Paul, 121 1-2 pounds, knocked out Jimmy Martin of Brooklyn, 117 1-4 pounds, in the first round of the second bout, which was to have gone ten rounds.

Lynch Takes Lucky Corner.

Johnny Buff of Jersey City, 114 pounds, outfought "Midget" Smith of Panama in what proved to be the semi-final bout, as the other ten-round go on the card was called off. Smith made his first appearance here in the garden a couple of weeks ago and scored a knockout in 21 seconds, but tonight he was only flashy at times and the judges awarded the bout to Buff.

Lynch entered the ring for the main event a few seconds before 10 o'clock and took his seat in the "lucky corner" from which he fought and defeated "Young" Sharkey a short time ago. At 10 o'clock Herman got into the ring.

After the principals and the referee, Patsy Haley, had faced a battery of cameras the ring was cleared for the championship battle.

Herman wore white trunks with a black belt and Lynch, green trunks with a gold harp on the left side. They shook hands at 10:12 p. m.

Round One.

They began with light sparring. Lynch landed left to the head. At close quarters Herman sent both hands in rapid succession to the body. Lynch jabbed left to the face and hooked his right to the head. Herman swung right and left to head. Both boys were nervous and were just feeling each other out. They exchanged light body blows and just before the bell the champion landed lefts and rights in rapid succession three times to the body. There was no damage done and the round was pretty even.

Round Two.

Lynch landed a hard right hook to the head. He landed another hard right and missed a left to the body. They exchanged lefts to the face. Lynch tried long left jabs for the body without damage and they fell into a clinch. Lynch jabbed left to the nose and the bell found them in a rally at close quarters, both playing for the body mostly.

Round Three.

Herman landed a hard left on the jaw. After some in-fighting, Herman sent his right to the back of the neck and Lynch crossed his right to the jaw, sending Herman to the ropes. When they came to the center of the ring Lynch drove his right twice to the body and swung his right to the ribs and again to the head. Herman clinched and Lynch sent a short right to the head before the bell.

Round Four.

Lynch hooked his right twice to the head and Herman was forced to clinch. After the break Lynch shot his right to the head again. Lynch jabbed lefts to the face and hooked his right twice to the head. Herman was cautioned for holding. Lynch swung his right high on the head and drove right hard to the body.

Round Five.

Lynch planted two hard lefts on the head, the second staggering Herman. Herman fell short for the body. Lynch landed left and right on the head.

Round Six.

Most of Herman's leads were short. Lynch's right enabled him to land long lefts to the face and head. At close quarters Herman planted left and right to the body and then Lynch landed four rights on the head and left on the body without a return.

Round Seven.

Lynch cut lose with two right swings which Herman blocked. Lynch hooked right to the head. Herman stepped in but Lynch drove him back with left and right to the face. They exchanged body blows and were sparring at the bell.

Round Eight.

Lynch popped a hard left to Herman's nose and ducked safely from a right swing. Lynch jabbed his left twice to the face and stepped inside of Herman's leads. Lynch missed two right hooks for the head and they exchanged body blows. Herman missed several blows and outboxed Lynch to the end of the round.

Round Nine.

There was a flurry of in-fighting and then Lynch landed a hard right uppercut to the jaw. The crowd was then shouting for more action. Lynch hooked a hard left to the jaw and at close quarters Herman sent the left and right to the body.

Round Ten.

Lynch jabbed Herman and swung his right to the head. Herman landed a couple of his favorite body blows. In an exchange of lefts Herman drew blood from Lynch's mouth with a stiff hook. Herman bored in and tried to follow up with another blow to the face but was short.

Round Eleven.

They sparred at long range for a half minute. Herman kept blocking Lynch's left jabs and then began forcing the pace. They exchanged left hooks to the face. Then Herman landed two lefts to the face and a right to the body.

Round Twelve.

Herman's defensive work was excellent, one of Lynch's swings going wild over his head. Lynch hooked left to face and landed a corking right on jaw, forcing Herman to the ropes, where he covered up. Lynch jabbed left to face and hooked right three times to the head while Herman held his left glove. Lynch swung two rights to the head. They were sparring at the bell.

Round Thirteen.

Lynch came up dancing and sent left and right to the face without a return. Lynch swung his right to the ear and then landed another on jaw. Herman clinching. Lynch hooked his right three times to the head and Herman hooked left to face. Herman kept strictly on the defensive until the bell rang.

Round Fourteen.

Lynch swung his right to the head and then landed a solid left hook on the jaw, following with two short rights to the head. Lynch hooked a right to the head and then brought the same glove hard on the ribs. Lynch swung a right to the head, missed another and then forced Herman to the ropes in his aggressiveness, landing short right hook to the ear. He kept jabbing his left, the only return from Herman being half-arm rights to the ribs.

Round Fifteen.

They shook hands for the final round and Lynch tapped a light left to the face. They exchanged lefts to the face. Lynch tried to feint Herman into a lead, but Herman would not go in. Lynch put left to the wind and a light right to the head. Then he hooked a right to the head and brought the glove down to the ribs. Lynch hooked two lefts to the head and they were in a harmless mixup when the gong ended the bout.

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Round Twenty-Four.

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